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Sent: 2/19/2019 7:13:09 PM
To: Aviles, Jesse [Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov]; Wharton, Steve [Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Subject: Re: Epa Delist folder

IS EPA BLOCKING ACCESS TO IMPORTANT PUBLIC DOCUMENTS about the VASQUEZ BL/I-70 SUPERFUND SITE? WHY?

Mr. Wharton,

In your capacity at the EPA Region 8, as the supervisor of Jesse Aviles, Site Manager for the Vasquez Bl./ I -70 Superfund Site (Site), I have reported to you that Mr. Aviles, keeps public documents under lock and key in a private web site where only he has access and where only he doles out passwords at his leisure ... or not.

I have asked you to direct Mr. Aviles to stop that practice and to post all public documents on the EPA web site where the public has access and where they belong, including the whole Feasibility Study for Operable Unit 1.

This is especially important in view of the fact that EPA is moving to delist Operable Unit 1 (4000+ polluted Denver residences) in the Site from the National Priorities List , an action that the Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Site find premature in view of new findings regarding the source of the pollution in OU1 and the potential insufficiencies in the EPA "clean up". The CAG is concerned about the impacts of this pollution to the health and safety of the 16,000+ people who live in the Denver Site.

Withholding public documents, especially at this crucial stage, may impede the CAG's and the community's ability to make informed comments.

The CAG and the general public needs access to all public records now.

The deadline for comments on the EPA proposed delisting of 4000+ residences located in Denver communities of Globeville, Swansea, Elyria, Cole, Clayton and Curtis Park from the National Priorities List, is coming up in a matter of two short weeks and it is impossible for us to comment intelligently without access to all public documents.

The CAG has had many questions that have been ignored and/or left unanswered by the EPA.

Could some of the answers lie hidden in Mr. Avila's private website? We have heard rumors that Mr. Trump is acting to move as many superfund sites as possible from the National Priorities List .

We have heard that this is to save the federal government the cost of real cleanup and also so that Mr. trump can make the political claim that he has cleaned up the nation. If this is the case I would be very worried if I were an official from Denver or the State of Colorado who could be left with the cost of a real clean up.

EPA has failed, for years , to maintain the mandated cache of public documents related to the Vasquez Bl / I 70 superfund site at the Denver Public Library, Vasquez Branch, and it now seems to be trying to hide public documents behind a private password controlled website. Neither move is acceptable.

Please post the Feasibility Study for OU1 (the entire study not just the executive summary) to a place where it is accessible to all without a password and direct Mr. Aviles to post all public documents related to the VB/I 70 site on the pubic EPA web site.

In the meantime I would appreciate a link to a pdf for the FS (not just executive summary) for Operable Unit 1.

Thank you.

Warmest regards,

Bridget Walsh

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On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 9:10 AM Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Bridget:

The Feasibility Study is in the OneDrive folder.

Jesse

From: Bridget Walsh <denverbridget@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 08:39

To: Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov>

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The librarian at the Vasquez branch of the Denver Public Library reported that as far as they know, there were never any other documents in the VB/I-70 information folder.

This seems to agree with our observations on our visits to the Vasquez branch of the Denver Public Library, the EPA appointed depository for all documents pertaining to the VB/I-70.

If we are wrong, could you please specify the dates that you apparently had to repeatedly place the required documents for VB/I-70 in the files at the library (you said that they were disappeared on several occasions?) and the documents that you had to replace? Do you have a list of all of the original documents that Jennifer placed in the file?

All the I could find on my last visit is mentioned in the video, below.

Since you report that you and Jennifer just visited the library and placed a disc with OU1 information there, shouldn't the date for the delisting be moved into the future to accommodate the time lapse in availability of documents ?

I am still waiting to receive a link or copy of the Feasibility Study for OU1. I asked Jennifer several days ago. Perhaps you could bring it with you tonight at the CAG meeting.

Thanks and welcome back to Denver.

On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 8:06 AM Aviles, Jesse <Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Kim:

Sometimes the information we place at the library disappears. Some of the documents that disappear are returned to the shelf. When we learn about this, we review and replace as necessary. We have discussed this at previous meetings. Jennifer's contact information is on the folders at the library. Jennifer and I visited the library on Friday and placed a disc with the deletion documents and paper copies of the Spanish and English notices of the partial deletion. The notices have my contact information. The computers at the library have drives to access the contents of the disc and internet connection.

Cordially,

Jesse

From: CAG Administrator <vbi170cag@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 18, 2019 18:56

To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>

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Jennifer,

Please take a moment to check out the link included within Bridget's email below. After reviewing the two minute or less video, explain to me why the VB/I-70 Superfund Site folder at the Valdez Library in Elyria is devoid of information pertaining to OU1 and to its pending deletion.

Bridget, Joan, Christine, me and others have REPEATEDLY inquired about site information being kept within the local repository. Over and over and over again you've told us that the folder at the Valdez library was maintained with site documentation. On multiple occasions Joan and Bridget checked on that folder, each time finding only a couple of sheets of paper and this time some discs on OU2. As there are many homes within Elyria & Swansea that will be impacted by this delisting it's important that neighborhood residents have the opportunity to learn about the site and the delisting.

As the community relations contact for this site you've done a disservice to neighborhood residents by neglecting the required information repository. What will you do to ensure this folder is updated with the required OU1 documents, those included within the delisting application, by Friday of this week?

Regards,

Kim Morse

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From: **Bridget Walsh** <denverbridget@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Feb 13, 2019 at 4:29 PM

Subject: Epa Delist folder

To: CAG Administrator <ybi170cag@gmail.com>

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All just OU2

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Warmest regards,

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